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Application Serial No.: 08/355,707  
Attorney Docket No.: TA01-001**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****CUSTOMER NO. 89411**

Patent No: 5,542,662  
Application No.: 08/355,707  
Filed: December 14, 1994  
Title: SPORTS BALL AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

Attorney Docket No. TA01-001

Group Art Unit: 3304  
Examiner: Steven B. Wong

**REQUEST FOR REFUND PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.26**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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To Whom It May Concern:

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$2755.00.

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CENTRAL FAX CENTER***PATENT***MAY 10 2012**Application Serial No.: 08/355,707  
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Applicants request the refund of a total amount **\$2755.00**.

On June 22, 2011, Fincham Downs, LLC, filed a petition on behalf of the assignee to accept an unavoidably delayed maintenance fee for U.S. Patent No. 5,542,662. As required, we also submitted the delayed maintenance fee (\$2055.00) with the required post-expiration surcharge fee (\$700.00).

The petition was dismissed in the Decision mailed on August 30, 2011, and was not renewed. Accordingly, both the maintenance fee and the post-expiration surcharge are refundable.

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Conclusion

No fees are believed to be due for this Request. Under MPEP § 607.02, Applicants are entitled to a refund in the amount of **\$2755.00** for the filing of the maintenance fee and surcharge on June 22, 2011. Please credit the refunded amount to the credit card account to which the fees were paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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